

**Oahe Hockey Association
September 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
Pierre Chamber of Commerce Community Room – Pierre, SD
Monday, September 19, 2016**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the September Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Tiffany Sanchez, Lee Axdahl, Lisa Lee, Craig Davis, Bob Gray, Serena Swenson, Jon Herman, Katie Starr, and Stephanie Lyons.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY AND AUGUST BOARD MEETINGS

President Sanderson called for a Motion to approve the July Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Craig Davis. Second Lee Axdahl. Motion carried unanimously.

President Sanderson called for a Motion to approve the August Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Lee Axdahl. Second by Craig Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

To begin, Treasurer Tiffany Sanchez asked for a Motion to approve charge cards for the new concessions coordinators, Jessie Stewart and Suzy Starr. Motion made by Lee Axdahl. Second by Lisa Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Craig Davis abstained from voting.

The Midco change is moving along. Century Link will shut down services to OHA on October 4th. Direct TV was cancelled. The PAYSA loan is set to close by the end of September.

Financials were handed out.

Aug 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$61,980.36

Restricted Funds: \$30,188.79

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Aug 31: \$31,791.57

Aug 1 – Aug 31 income \$6,580.68 : Donation - \$256.98; Registration 2016-17 - \$6,305; Restitution – break-in - \$18.70

Aug 1 – Aug 31 expenses \$409.52 : Bank charges - \$5.53; Board Expenses - \$124.65; Phone/DSL/TV - \$279.34

Overall Total for Aug 1 – Aug 31: \$6,171.16

Sep 19 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$75,963.58

Restricted Funds: \$30,188.79

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Sep 19: \$45,774.79

Sep 1 – Sep 19 income \$15,640 : Donation - \$7.50; Registration 2016-17 - \$11,412.50; Sponsorships - \$4,000; Volunteer Hours - \$220.00

Sep 1 – Sep 19 expenses \$1,656.78 : Tax Preparation - \$356.78; Tournament Registration - \$1,300

Overall Total for Sep 1 – Sep 30: \$13,983.22

President Sanderson asked for a Motion to approve the September Treasurer's report. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Lee Axdahl. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS**

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER (ABSENT BUT SENT E-MAIL REPORT)

70 skaters short from last season. Mini-Mite level is definitely lighter in numbers. Learn to Skate is light in numbers as well, meaning not many skaters moved up from Learn to Skate to Mini-Mites. Will e-mail last years' Learn to Skate skaters to encourage them to give Mini-Mites a try.

Registration is still open for non-league levels. The league levels' drop dead close date for registration will be soon. The new registration site went well this year. Sport NGIN contact for teams is Rick Miller and the running of it is Lisa Lee.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

OHA had a float in the TF Riggs Homecoming Parade. Looking at having a possible float in the Stanley County Homecoming Parade September 30th – but nothing definite right now.

September 27th is the coordinators' meeting. One Pee-Wee Coordinator is still needed; otherwise all the other coordinator positions are filled.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – PAUL BACHAND

A level 4 coaching clinic will be held in October in Sioux Falls. A coaching list was handed out. Should have it more finalized in October after any pending changes or updates are addressed if needed.

President Sanderson entertained a motion to have a provisional approval of the coaching roster as presented, upon final approval at the October meeting. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second Tiffany Sanchez. Motion approved Unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

He will have 2 Play-Up Requests at the October Board Meeting, both to play up from the Mite Level to the Squirt Level.

Presented the 4th draft of league game scheduling:

PeeWee A	Begin play 12/3	Will play 20 games
PeeWee C	Begin play 11/26	Will play 14 games
Bantam A	Begin play 11/26	Will play 20 games
Bantam B	Begin play 11/27	Will play 20 games
Girls Varsity	Begin play 11/26	Will play 20 games
Boys JV/Varsity	Begin play 12/2	Will play 20 games

(Boys Varsity will play in Rushmore Jamboree 11/18 – 11/20)
(Boys JV will play in Watertown Jamboree 11/18 – 11/20)

Tyler Wilcox Tournament will be January 13-15, 2017

OHA Mini-Mite Jamboree will be February 5, 2017

SDAHA Team Counts:

PeeWee A	10
PeeWee B	10
PeeWee C	7
Bantam A	12
Bantam B	8
Girls JV	6
Girls Varsity	9
Boys JV	11
Boys Varsity	11

Statewide this season there will be 215 more league games.

Statewide there will be no Christmas games, but there will be New Years games. Hoping to have a final league schedule after requests are finalized at the 9/24 SDAHA meeting.

OHA's only tournament request thus far has been the PeeWee tourney in Brookings during the first weekend in December.

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN

September 26th is the opening day of rink set-up. Will start at 6pm. Will begin with moving boards out, mats out, and cleaning. The second day will be on September 28th so the boards have 2 days to get cold and shrink up before setting them up.

EXPO improvements of the front door and water fountains will be done before the season starts.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

Nothing new. November 5th is Zamboni Day. Working on raffle tickets.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING – BOB GRAY (ABSENT DURING REPORT TIME)

All sign and on-ice sponsors are back. Great start to sponsorships.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS – LISA LEE

Will get dates talked about during the meeting tonight, on the website. Season photographers will be given passes. The Riggs float went well. The new website is going well.

Hockey camp was a huge success!

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – LEE AXDAHL

Nothing to Report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

EXPO BUILDING UPGRADES

Bob Gray, Nathan Sanderson, and Mike Mueller met with the EXPO Board and BID Board. Discussion included the following: overall sprucing up of the entryway, taking over the Fort Pierre Chamber office converting it to skate rental space with a roll-up door, a \$10,000 Wellmark grant for new skate racks that Mike Mueller drafted for OHA, making a players entrance door on the north side of the building (replacing concrete, changing the door currently there, putting in an awning or lighting), and the biggest upgrade – swapping out the current metal bleachers and having roll away bleachers instead. The total for all of these upgrades is around \$175,000. The board agreed of the cooperative vision between OHA and the EXPO Board. Again, these upgrades were just part of a discussion, would not begin until after the 2016-17 season is complete, and are all contingent on finding the funding to pay for them. (e.g. Community Foundation, Wellmark Grant, BIB Board of Fort Pierre, BID Board of Pierre) **No formal action was needed or taken at this time.**

PAYSA

Craig Davis led the discussion. The PAYSA loan will close on Friday, September 22nd with Tiffany Sanchez, Nathan Sanderson, and Craig Davis present. On September 20th Rink-Tek will be on-site to do a compressor and fan check. On September 21st, Craig Davis will do a walk through with Chad Griese.

A cleaning schedule will be put together, and players will be able to gain volunteer hours through the cleaning of PAYSAs now. The practice schedule at PAYSAs will remain unchanged from last season.

The figure skaters will continue to lease time used at PAYSAs. They will operate open skate at PAYSAs which will be on Sundays from 1-3pm beginning September 25th. They will also be asked to sell 10 sponsorship signs at PAYSAs, or be required to pay an additional \$2,000 in lease cost.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Lee Axdahl handed out copies and the proposed changes were in RED.

2 major changes are being proposed – two additional people being able to request violation checks, changing the hockey season to run from April – March, and also adding a preamble at the beginning of the policy stating why we have hockey.

Board and public discussion followed on the 3 pieces: Preamble, Season Date Change, and everything else. Agreement was made between the board and the public to begin forming a committee for further discussion, which would be made up of both board members and “non-board” members of OHA. This was agreed to be done in order to promote open dialogue at all times between the OHA Board and the OHA parents.

A motion was made by Paul Bachand, Second by Katie Starr – to appoint a committee consisting of Discipline Committee members plus 3 OHA member representatives (chosen by the Disciplinary Chair) to discuss potential revisions before the November board meeting. This committee would then report back to the OHA board on suggested changes/amendments to the OHA Substance Abuse Policy & Procedure. Motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

The October OHA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at the EXPO Center Board Room in Fort Pierre, at 6:30 pm CST.

President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn the September Board Meeting. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Paul Bachand. Motion passed unanimously. The September Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. CST.